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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

EBAN SAYS SISCO VISIT WOULD BE DESIRABLE

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(FROM "THIS WEEK"; YORAM RONEN INTERVIEW WITH FOREIGN MINISTER  
'BBA EBAN IN JERUSALEM-RECORDED)

(EXCERPTS) QUESTION: MR EBAN, ARE WE INTERESTED IN A VISIT  
BY SISCO?

ANSWER: WHENEVER THERE IS DISCUSSION ABOUT A VISIT BY U.S.  
MEN TO ISRAEL, OFFICIAL OR OTHERWISE, OUR REPLY CAN ONLY BE  
THAT ANY CONTACT IS DESIRABLE. WHEN THE DISCUSSION INVOLVES  
SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS OR SUBJECTS, THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED  
USUALLY HOGU CONTACTS TO DETERMINE THE FRAMEWORK, TIMING  
AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS. THESE CONTACTS ARE STILL  
GOING ON, AND NO DECISION ON THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN ADOPTED YET  
BY WASHINGTON.

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK THAT THE PROGRESS OF THE CLARIFICATIONS  
CAN BE ADVANCED IF SISCO VISITS ISRAEL?

CONTINUOUS DIALOG WE HAVE WITH THE UNITED STATES. BUT AS  
O SAID, IF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE ON A CERTAIN FRAMEWORK  
AND TIMING, THEN IT IS NATURAL THAT SUCH AGREEMENT WILL BE  
PUT INTO PRACTICE. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS NO PROBLEM HERE.  
WE ARE MAINTAINING THE DIALOG WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND THIS  
SUBJECT--A POSSIBLE VISIT BY MR. SISCO-IS NOW UNDER DISCUSSION.  
I ASSUME THAT THIS DISCUSSION WILL BE CONCLUDED SOON.

QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC DELAYS IN THE SUPPLY OF  
OUR REQUESTS FOR U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT?

ANSWER: AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED WITH THE UNITED STATES  
ON THIS SUBJECT, AND THESE AGREEMENTS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED  
WITHOUT ANY DISRUPTION. BUT ACCORDING TO WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER  
O SAID IN THE KNESSET ON 9 JUNE, WE BELIEVE THAT FOLLOWING THE  
EGYPTIAN-SOVIET TREATY AND IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUED STRENGTHENING  
OF EGYPT THERE IS A NEED TO CONTINUE THE SUPPLY AND TO INTENSIFY  
IT. THIS SUBJECT IS UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE UNITED STATES.  
EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT SUCH CLARIFICATIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN  
SLOW, AND I DO NOT WANT TO JUDGE THE RESULT OF THE CLARIFICATION  
NOW TAKING PLACE. ACTUALLY THIS CLARIFICATION IS PROCEEDING  
CONTINUOUSLY REGARDING THE BALANCE OF FORCES AND THE STEPS  
NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THIS BALANCE.

QUESTION: WHAT IF THE CLARIFICATION CONTINUES BEYOND THE  
NORMAL LIMITS KNOWN UP TO NOW?

O ANSWER: THERE IS NO CLARIFICATION OF THE KIND WHICH HAS  
BEEN COMPLETED EXACTLY ACCORDING TO THE TIME AND ORDER OF PRIORITIES  
DESIRED BY US. THIS CLARIFICATION IS CONTINUING, AND I CANNOT  
PREDICT EITHER THE RESULTS OR WHEN THEY WILL BE KNOWN.

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